(LSIs) chips that go into such computers and has started sub-contracting some subsystems. The manufacture of these microcomputers will be progressively indigenised.

Department of Electronics is also formulating specifications (including safety) for quality and reliability of indigenous microcomputer system including those required for educational purposes. It is working out a package of production and test equipment for the manufacture of these computers.

Killing of Indian workers in Beirut

2716.SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that three Indian factory workers were found shot dead on 29lh July, 1985 on a rubbish dump near the coast in Beirut's Muslim Controlled southern suburbs;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to find out the names of the dead;

(c) whether local police of Beirut has investigated into the matter; and

(d) if *so,* what are the results thereof?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ' MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes Sir. According to the information received from the Embassy of India, Beirut' a group of six Indian nationals and one Pakistani national, when they were sleeping in their room near their place of work on Tawhita on the night of 28th July, 1985 close to camp Bourjal-Brajneh, were forcibly taken by some masked armed men to a lonely spot near AI-Quazi, about two kilometers from Tawhita and were fired upon. Five of the Indian na-(ionafs died and the remaining one Indian and one Pakistani national were injured in the- incident.

(b) The Embassy of India, Beirut, have ascertained the names and addresses of the deceased and have informed their next of kin in India about their death.

(c) The local police have registered a case and are investigating the crime.

(d) The police report is awaited and the Embassy is pursuing the Case.

Regional passport offices in Lucknow and Bareilly

2717. SHRI HASHIM RA2A ABIDI ALLAHABADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Passport Offices at Bareilly and Luck-now are delaying the issuance of passports;

(b) what is the normal time taken for issuing passports and what are the reasons for the delay in the issuing of passports by these regional offices; and

(c) the number of passport applications pending since 1st January, 1985 in Luck-now and Bareilly Region and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No Sir. Passports are being issued in five to seven working days on receipt of both clear reports from the State CID and Head Quarters and District Police authorities.

(b) Normally it takes upto 4 months for issue of Passports in Lucknow and Bareilly Passport Offices. It is now essential t_0 oWain security and identity reports from the police in respect of each Passport applicant before the Passport can be issued. Main reason for delay in issue of passports is late receipt of such reports from the police.

(c) The number of Passport arrears as on 1-8-85 in respect of Passport Office, Lucknow and Bareilly are given below:—<

Lucknow—12,054

Bareilly—23,858

The reason for pendency is mainly attributable to non-receipt of Police clearance reports from Stfte CID and District Police